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OnlineWorkshop II "Job Application in Germany"







German Application

- What ideas do you have about the German application process?
- What does an application look like?
- What does a CV look like?
- How should you prepare yourself for an interview in Germany?

Our goal today is that you:

- ...understand the process
- ...understand the structure of a German application and a CV
- ...are able to create an application properly (an application folder)
- ...are able to present yourself at a job interview

The process of applying in Germany



Dreiteilige Bewerbungsmappe





Investigation (finding a good job offer)

- Application map
 - I. Application letter
 - II. CV
 - III. Annexes

Good presentation at the job interview

Research

Having found an interesting job offer you may ask yourself:

- Why this position?
- What is the salary?
- What are the matching requirements?



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Application Map

- I. Application letter
- II. CV (with picture)

III. Annexes (Diplomas, Testimonials...)



I. The German application letter



Address (your/ company)

Place, date

Reason for the Letter, maybe with reference no. of the vacancy

Name the person in charge

Where did you find the vacancy? Why this job?

What qualifies you fot it? Why you?

Why this particular company?

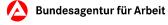
Closing paragraph with request for an invitation

Closing: "Kind regards", full name typed, signature

Checklist for the application letter

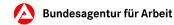
- Addreses and names are right
- Current date and signature
- Reference no. of the vacancy is right
- You explained why you want to do the job
- You implemented words from the requirements placed in the vacancy
- You presented yourself as the best choice
- Right grammar and everything aligned to the format you chose
- You closed the letter politely: "Kind regards"

II. The German CV



Checklist for the CV

- Only 2-3 pages long!
- Correct Personal
- Contact as headline
- Reverse-chronologic listing
- Homogeneous time specification (month/year), e.g. 10/2013...
- Realistic estimation of skills
- Hobbies only if relevant
- Correct grammar
- Correct dates
- Your signature



Application picture: good and bad example

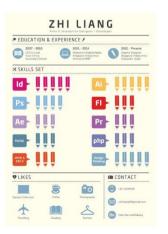




Which photo would you pick for the application?

Curriculum Vitae: creative models









Job interview in Germany



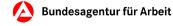
Different kinds of interview

- Personal
- Telephone
- Skype
- Assessment Center



Interview outline

- Greeting + small talk
- Your self presentation
- Specialized questions about the company
- Presentation of the company and your field of work
- Maybe personal questions about your personality
- Your Questions
- Fixing entry and sallary
- Closing words



First step preparation for an interview

- Confirmation for the interview
- Plan the trip
- Go through your selfpresentation
- Prepare adequate clothes
- Do good investigation about the company
- Do research about common sallary in that branche



Investigation about the Company

- Study the Company website: often at "About us", "Company"
- Research the Internet: search for "company name + news"
- Look for reports in day or trade journals
- Look for Company brochures
- Ask people you know who work in the company



Ask yourself

- How does the employer present himself? What is their focus?
- How could your day to day work look like?
- What are the actual upcoming events in that company?

Questions that are not allowed to ask

- Pregnancy, wishing for a baby
- Marriage
- Questions about health f.e.chronic deseases
- Your financial circumstances
- Religion



Telephone Interview

- Fix the time the interview will last
- Find a suitable and quiet location
- Have your cell phone charged ©
- Have your CV in front of you
- Ask prepared questions
- Be prepared to speak German on the phone

Remember: your voice is your friend!



Thank you for your attention!



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